

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-27 (canceled).

28. (New) In a wireless communication device arranged to receive and display a real-time communication message, a method comprising:
- receiving a real-time communication message;
  - determining a presence of a message creation reference in the real-time communication message, the message creation reference indicative of a message creation event;
  - sorting the real-time communication message based upon the message creation reference in relation to message creation references associated with other received real-time communication messages; and
  - displaying the real-time communication message in relative position to the other received real-time communication messages.
29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the real-time communication message comprises one of an instant messaging message and a group chat message and the step of receiving the real-time communication message comprises receiving the instant messaging message or the group chat message.
30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the message creation reference comprises a real-time temporal reference associate with creation of the real-time communication message.
31. (New) The method of claim 30, wherein the message creation reference comprises one of a time stamp, a message identifier and a subscriber identifier associated with the real-time communication message.

32. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the message creation reference comprises a hash value.

33. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the hash value is associated with the real-time communication message based on an incoming message parameter, the incoming message parameter being associated with a received real-time communication message from one or more wireless communication devices.

34. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein the hash value is associated with the real-time communication message based on one of an incoming message number and a portion of incoming message content, and wherein the incoming message number and the portion of incoming message content are associated with an incoming message from one or more wireless communication devices.

35. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the steps of sorting and displaying the received real-time communication message are accomplished without user input.

36. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the step of sorting the received real-time communication message comprises sorting the real-time communication message relative to a plurality of real-time communication messages received during one of an instant messaging session and a group chat session.

37. (New) A wireless communication device comprising:  
a receiver to receive real-time communication messages communicated by one or more communication devices;  
a memory;  
a display;  
a controller coupled to the receiver, the memory and the display, the controller being operable responsive to a control program stored in the memory to process

received real-time communication messages to determine a presence in the real-time communication message of a message creation reference and to sort the real-time communication message based upon the message creation reference, the message creation reference being indicative of a message creation event, to cause the real-time communication message to be displayed on the display in relation to other received real-time communication references.

38. (New) The wireless communication device of claim 37, wherein the real-time communication message comprises one of an instant messaging message and a group chat message and the step of receiving the real-time communication message comprises receiving the instant messaging message or the group chat message.

39. (New) The wireless communication device of claim 37, wherein the message creation reference comprises a real-time temporal reference associate with creation of the real-time communication message.

40. (New) The wireless communication device of claim 39, wherein the message creation reference comprises one of a time stamp, a message identifier and a subscriber identifier associated with the real-time communication message.

41. (New) The wireless communication device of claim 37, wherein the message creation reference comprises a hash value.

42. (New) The wireless communication device of claim 41, wherein the hash value is associated with the real-time communication message based on an incoming message parameter, the incoming message parameter being associated with a received real-time communication message from one or more wireless communication devices.

43. (New) The wireless communication device of claim 41, wherein the hash value is associated with the real-time communication message based on one of an incoming message number and a portion of incoming message content, and wherein the

incoming message number and the portion of incoming message content are associated with an incoming message from one or more wireless communication devices.

44. (New) The wireless communication device of claim 37, the processor is operable to sort the received real-time communication message relative to a plurality of real-time communication messages received during one of an instant messaging session and a group chat session.

45. The wireless communication device of claim 37, wherein the apparatus comprises one of a cellular telephone, a pager, an electronic planner, and a communication network.

46. (New) The wireless communication device of claim 37, wherein the apparatus comprises one of an Internet Protocol (IP) network and a General Packet Radio Services (GPRS) network.

47. (New) The wireless communication device of claim 37, wherein the processor is operable to sort and to cause the display of the real-time communication message without user input.